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To-night,

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ANOTHER BRILLIANT CHANGE
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NEW EQUESTRIAN SCENES.
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NEW COMIC AND LAUGHABLE
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MULLER LE BUNDE HARRISON, the dashing
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leaping from the ground upon the horse's
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She is acknowledged "LADY EQUESTRIEN"
to be superior to any Lady before in this
particular art.

TO-NIGHT.
Mr. GEORGE HARRISON will carry upon a
Baroque horse and in different atti-
tudes the Youngest Equestrian.
Chantons Rowland.

TO-NIGHT.
The side splitting scene of the
MONKEY RACES,
by Lampon Monkeys riding on Chinese
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TO-NIGHT.
THE FRANKS IN AN ENGLISH SCHOOL
OF
LES ENFANTS TERRIBLES
by all the Company, introducing Comic
Dances by the Girls and Boys.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES.
Boxes with Chairs \$9.00
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Carpet Seats 0.50
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Children and Soldiers in uniform in the
Gallery, 20 Cents. All other parts of
the house Half Price.

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Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2198

AL FRESCO FETE!

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TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),

AND SATURDAY,

the 28th and 29th December, 1888.

STALLS FOR THE SALE OF
MAGNIFICENT EMBROIDERIES AND
RARE CURIOS.

WONDERFUL STUNTING
PHIENIX,
newly captured.

THOUPE OF CHINESE TOMBERS.

GRILL ROOM,
Under the Personal Supervision of
Mr. THOMAS.

GRAND SURGICAL EXHIBITION,
Under Direction of a Local Medical
Celebrity.

SPORTING LION.

BRILLIANT ILLUMINATIONS.
THOUSANDS OF LANTERNS.

MILITARY BAND,
(By Kind Permission of Colonel Anderson
and the Officers of the 68th Regt.)

CHINESE PRIZE BAND.

SPECIAL COMPANY OF CHINESE ACTORS.

FINE ART EXHIBITION,
Under the Direction of "THE LORD
CHANCELLOR" and "LORD O"
MAGNIFICENT AND UNIQUE
COLLECTION!

GATES TO OPEN AT 5.30 P.M.

ENTRANCES:—All the Garden Gates except
that in Garden Road (next to Kennedy
Road Nullah), which thoroughfare will
be closed on both nights of the Fete.

Price of Admission.
One Dollar (\$1), Each Day.
Schools, Children, Soldiers and Sailors in
Uniform, Half Price.

Tickets Now for Sale at Messrs KELLY
and WALSH'S & Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD &
Co's.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2195

GARRISON THEATRE.

SATURDAY & MONDAY,

29th and 31st December.

BENEFIT OF

MR. P. H. L. RAY,

THE POPULAR COMEDIAN.

On this occasion a most attractive Pro-
gramme will be produced at Popular prices.
Hongkong, December 26, 1888. 2199

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Boots, or
Furniture will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point
Hongkong, July 26, 1887.

To-day's Advertisements.

A GENTLEMAN, just arrived, speaking the
ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN,
ITALIAN, SPANISH and RUSSIAN LANGUAGES,
and being a Firm Correspondent in English,
French, German and Spanish, desires a
POSITION suitable to his Abilities.
Same has had Good Business experience in
the Import, Export and Shipping-line in
different parts of the world and is possessed
of Very Good Certificates.

Please address:
Mr. W. E. BARTEL,
Victoria Hotel Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2201

FOR HONGKONG, SINGAPORE AND
PENANG.

The British Steamship
"Plutarch,"
Capt. HARRISON, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SWEE LIONG CHAN.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2195

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

The Steamship
"Glenline,"
Capt. BROWN, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2192

OLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
"Glenline,"
Capt. BROWN, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2193

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship
"Narcissa,"
Capt. HARRISON, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 30th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2197

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

The Steamship
"Narcissa,"
Capt. HARRISON, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2204

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND
HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-
DAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL
AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship
"Daphne,"
Capt. J. A. Voss, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 29th
January, 1889, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2192

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID.

MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,
DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 9th January,
1889, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
"CALDONIA," Commanded by MATHESON,
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 8th January, 1889. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2200

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY
AND OPERA COMPANY.

Director:—MRS. P. W. WILLARD
AND JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

THIS EVENING,
27th December, 1888.

Andran's Popular Comic Opera,
"LA MASCOTTE."

CAST OF CHARACTERS.
King Lorenzo..... Mr. J. F. SHERIDAN
Rocco (a Farmer)..... H. M. Tins
Pippo (a Shepherd)..... Charles Fisher
Fritellini..... W. H. Mason
Attendant..... W. H. Mason
Fritellina (detached)..... Miss M. Morrison
Fritellina..... Miss M. Morrison
Giorgio..... Vera Poley
Fernando..... E. Leanington
Beppo..... Nellie Arline

And Betina (The Mascotte)..... G. Whiteford

Act I.—ROCCO'S FARM.
Act II.—PALACE OF KING LORENZO.
Act III.—AT THE FOOT OF THE ALPINES.

Conductor..... Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON.

Prices of Admission.
Dress Circle and Special Seats..... \$3.
Stalls..... 2.
Pit..... 1.
The Plan may be seen and Seats secured
at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, LIMITED,
PEMBERTON W. WILLARD.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2196

NOTICE.

CROWN RENTS for the Half Year ending
25th December, 1888, should be
PAID into the TREASURY on or before
the 15th JANUARY NEXT.

H. E. WOODHOUSE,
Acting Treasurer.

TREASURY,
Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2191

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL
EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE NEW EXHIBITION will be held
on the 14th and 15th of FEBRUARY
NEXT.

Schedules of Prices and Rules to be
obtained from

CHARLES FORD,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2199

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY,
the 31st December, 1888, at 2 p.m., at his
Sales Room, Queen's Road,

AN ASSORTMENT OF
JAPANESE WARE,
comprising—
KANGA, IMARI, KIO, SATSUMA, AND
TOKIO VASES, JARS, BOWLS, PLATES, IN-
CENSE BURNERS, TEA AND CUPPER SETS,
EISEN, WARE, EMAMEL WARE,
BRONZES, IVORY CARVINGS, IVORY INLAID
PANES, KAKEMONO, EMBROIDERIES, EM-
BROIDERED SCREENS AND CARRIERS,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2200

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BAYERN,
FROM BREMEN AND PORTS
OF CALL.

THE above-named Steamer having ar-
rived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the excep-
tion of opium, Treasure and Valuables, are
being landed and stored at their risk into
the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOW-
LOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD.,
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be landed here in
Hongkong unless notice to the contrary be
given before 11 a.m. To-day, the 27th
instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 6th
January, 1889, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 9th
January, 1889, at 4 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 10th
January, 1889, or they will not be re-
cognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2194

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "Glenline," having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo by her and by the S.S. "Tower Hill,"
from New York, are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND
KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.,
at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
3rd January will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Consignees are also requested to present
all Claims for damages and/or shortages not
later than the 10th January, 1889, other-
wise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2198

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BYRONIA, German barque, Capt. Weiss.

WIELER & Co.

ESPERANZA, British schooner, Capt. H.

Williams—Order.

RAPHAEL, American ship, Captain E. W.

Harkness—Order.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 26, 1888.—

Melita, German str., 339, H. S. Mörck,
Haiphong December 23, Rico—WILSON &
Co.

Kaifong, British steamer, 997, Thomas
Gyles, Shanghai December 18, via Chin-
kiang and Wuhu 22, General.—BUTTER-
FIELD & SWIRE.

Dafra, Spanish steamer, 539, J. Ajubita,
Manila Dec. 22, General.—CHAMBERS.

December 27.—

Bayern, German steamer, 2,877, E. Mor-
goll, Bremen November 16, and Singapore
Dec. 21, Mails and General.—MELCHER &
Co.

Diomed, British steamer, 1,470, Biglow,
Liverpool and Singapore Dec. 18, General.
—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Glenline, British str., 1,410, P. Brass,
London November 7, and Singapore Dec.
19, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Oceanic, British steamer, 3,818, J. No-
metale, San Francisco November 28, and
Yokohama December 21, Mails and General.
—O. & S. S. Co.

Zafra, British steamer, 675, A. A. Mc-
Cuslin, Manila Dec. 24, General.—RUSSELL
& Co.

Glenart, British steamer, 1,400, Wm.
Murray, Swatow December 27, General.
—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Haiphong, British steamer, from Wham-
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the children of the institution there was a recitative telling the Christmas story and an aria on the words of the Angels' song. After the service these assembled in the Chapel went down into the Foundling House, where in three adjoining rooms there was a display of eatables, toys, clothing and household articles, each of the girls finding a place with her name. Some of the girls being brides received articles of Chinese toilet and other things for their marriage. In one of the rooms there was a large fire-tree decorated with many coloured flowers made by the children and lit up by many candles, a representation of Bethlehem being under the tree. Among those present were Lady des Vaux and a goodly number of European and Chinese visitors.

THE SOLDIERS AND THE POLICE.

The soldiers of 58th Regiment and the Garrison made merry in the customary way, the Royal Engineers and Artillery also joining in the festivities. The Highland Regiment, at Kowloon, tried to keep the cold out of their buns by good cheer, although we believe that, following the old Scotch custom, they reserve their chief festivities till the New Year, which they 'bring in' in the time-honoured way. The members of the Police Force, who used to celebrate Christmas by inviting their friends to a dinner and a dance, refrained from any such jollification this year for some reason or other. It has been assumed that this annual treat was provided for the guardians of the peace by the 'authorities,' and disappointment has been expressed that it should have been withheld this year. The fact is, however, that the force has always on these occasions made merry at its own expense.

OUTINGS.

The fine weather of Tuesday tempted many people to seek enjoyment out of doors and the Peak Tramway was largely patronised during the day.

Yesterday, although by no means a holiday in the general sense, owing to there being an incoming and an outgoing mail, was spent by a considerable portion of the European community in pleasure-seeking. The weather again being delightful a number of successful outings took place. Among the number (although it could hardly be said to be a case of pleasure-seeking) was that of the Hongkong Volunteers, who gallantly saved the rising village of Yau-wai from the ruthless grasp of a supposed enemy. The Volunteers, officers and men alike, may fairly claim to have distinguished themselves on this occasion. The bombardment of the dummy targets was most effective, and the way the Volunteers scattered dashing and fearless about would be very embarrassing and unhealthy for a foe. No mishaps occurred during the engagement, and the services of Sergeant-Major Cantlie were not required. A detailed account of the action will be found below.

CHAMBERLAIN'S CIRCUITS.

The public entertainments in the evenings have been fairly well patronised during the week. Chamberlain's Circus, which is increasing its popularity by attractive novel, has been performing at the Theatre Royal, and a substitute for the orthodox Christmas Pantomime, Chamberlain's big show with its spectacular and funny business is a seasonable treat to old and young alike, and the large well-lit tent is a pleasant place to spend an evening in. Among the new attractions in the programme is a most original and novel feature, a performance of the most dashing and graceful equestrianism we have seen, performed by the celebrated 'English Bounding Jockey' feat of leaping from the ground upon the back of a cantering horse, without the assistance of his hands; and that Mr. George Harrison performs some new and daring feats of horsemanship on a hard-backed steed; that there is an extremely funny pony race with monkeys as jockeys, and that the entertainment concludes with something of the farcical order to send every body home in good humour.

THE THEATRE.

At the Theatre the performances have been fairly well attended, all things considered; but people do not seem to care much for the ordinary run of theatrical or operatic entertainments at this season. The Scotch programme of the Theatre Royal, which was for the benefit of Mr. J. W. Robertson, the able musical director of the Company, afforded a good deal of pleasure to the audiences. It might, however, with a little more preparation have been a great deal better, and for the assistance the company received from three well-known local amateurs, the first part of the programme would have been somewhat dull. The singing of 'Scots who hae' arranged for solo and chorus, was marked by tunefulness and vigour, if not with due attention to expression, and was enthusiastically received. Mr. Fraser's rendering of 'The Flower o' Dunblane' was by no means a bad attempt at a Scotch song, but, like most of the other performers, Mr. Fisher was hampered by the unfamiliarity of the text and the dialect. Miss Vera Patey, who boldly sang the 'Scots who hae' in a fine, clear, and ringing voice, and who, after an amusing attempt to give the words their Scotch pronunciation, hoped hopelessly into the tongue of the Southron. Mr. Sutch had a moderately successful wrestle with 'My love is like a red, red rose.' Miss Flo Morrison might easily have selected a song more suited to her than 'Flora Macdonald's Lament,' as it was, she neither did herself nor the song justice. Mr. Imano achieved a success with 'Boulevard Dances' and 'Gao bring tea me a pint o' wine.' Mendelssohn's charming duet 'O wert thou in the cold blue' was sung with much taste and expression by Mrs. Fraser Smith and Miss Stoppin. Both these ladies also contributed solos which were very well received. Mr. Fraser Smith, assisted by a young man, 'Charles Edward' at Versailles on the anniversary of Calcutta and although the recitation was deservingly well received, a shorter piece would have been more in place. In 'The Bonnie Flaxie' Mr. Sheridan and Miss Whiteford kept the ball rolling in a pretty lively way. The lady sang 'And Robin Gray'—or something to that effect. The parts of the song which she did sing were given with great exaggeration and expression while the parts which she did not sing were, however, very well received. 'And Robin Gray' was left out of a success. We took occasion to tell Miss Whiteford some time ago that she ought not to shout all her high notes, and we repeat the advice with all sincerity. In 'Call Herin' this ver-

the little lady sang much better, and as she is deservingly a favourite she was quite smothered in applause. Mr. Sheridan was a very funny-looking Highlander and rendered much amusement. Last night the Company performed Audran's Comic Opera, 'Olette,' when the performance was for the benefit of Mr. Alfred Sutch. There was not a large audience. The opera was gone through in a somewhat perfunctory manner by most of the performers and could hardly be called a success. The prompter was constantly in request and was about as conspicuous as anybody in the cast. Miss Whiteford acted very well as Olette and the music of the part being well suited to her voice, her singing would have been highly enjoyable but for those unfortunate, ear-splitting upper notes. Mr. Fisher made an excellent Valentin, and Miss Flo Morrison an excellent Countess de Merimée. Mr. Imano as Capt. de Merimée was not quite in his element, and Mr. J. F. Sheridan as the Duc de la Vie was simply Mr. J. F. Sheridan in a fancy dress, and he duly made the audience laugh at heretofore. The part of Olette's father was taken by Capt. Sutch, who gave a very humorous rendering of it. Mr. Sutch as Marescaux was careful and conscientious as usual and the musical parts were well filled. 'Olette' is a Mascotte, an opera with which Hong-kong opera-goers ought to be very familiar, will be produced.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS ON THE WATERS.

Yesterday the Hongkong Volunteers had their Boxing Day outing, and instead of the usual day drill devoted their energies to some gun practice of a very useful sort and involving pretty hard work. There was not so large a turnout as was at first expected, but this was due in some measure to mail work. The force consisted of four guns and the officers present were Major-General, Lieut. Col. McCollum, Lieut. Col. Hawkins (adjutant), Lieut. Col. W. G. Holmes, Lieut. Denison, and Sergeant-Major Cantlie. The work out for the day was that of assisting in repelling a supposed attack on Yau-wai. The scheme was as follows: Force of the enemy (artillery and infantry) is advancing on Yau-wai from the direction of Kowloon by the docks at 11.30 a.m. Having crowded the heights on either side with infantry, it attempts to breach from the dikes, deploying to both flanks under cover of a battery established in the rocky knoll in front. The Hongkong Volunteers' battery (7 guns) in place of a force of infantry and artillery ordered to attack and drive back the enemy into the dikes. At 11.30 a.m. it comes into action with the enemy's battery, and in the end it is so completely defeated that the enemy's line on the lower ground to the left of the knoll to cover the advance of the infantry. The attack succeeds in driving back the enemy's infantry on both flanks and partially silencing the guns; the enemy's battery is ordered to advance to a second position about 500 yards to the front to support the close attack on the enemy's position. While in this position it receives and repulses a counter-attack of the enemy and then continues its fire until masked by the advance of the infantry. The enemy's battery is then completely silenced and the enemy's line on the left of the knoll, an infantry escort in extended order in front of it, and several companies of the enemy's infantry deployed on the left of the battery, the enemy's attack is repulsed and the enemy's line is driven back through the dikes.

The little force landed at Kowloon about 10.30, the men being taken over in a steam launch and the guns in a lighter. The guns, which were under the charge of Sergeant Dipple, Lieut. Col. McCollum, and Scott, having been landed were at once taken to the first position, the hill to the left of the Observatory, where they were to open fire on the enemy. The rough, steep ground made it by no means easy work to drag the guns to their places, and the fierce glare of the sun from a cloudless sky made the work of the men very fatiguing. The guns too were over-manned, there being only six men to each. The men however entered heartily into the work and accomplished it in a most soldier-like manner. It was essential to the success of the operations that the battery should be in position at the first position before being observed by the enemy. In order to ascertain whether this would be accomplished a watch was kept from the enemy's position for the first indication of the presence of the Volunteers, which was to be announced by firing a shot. Captain McCollum, who was in the launch, signalled the first shot which afforded good cover, and the men having been ordered to direct themselves of their white helmets and don their forage caps proceeded warily to their destination. The guns were got into position and everything was put in readiness for opening fire without any indication of the enemy's position, that the Volunteers had been seen, and indeed it was only when the Volunteer bugler blew a warning that the shot from the enemy's position was fired. Major Tripp having at this stage taken command of the battery, assisted by Lieut. Hawkins, ordered a few shots to be fired to give an idea of the distance (about 1000 yards) the Volunteers got their fire right into the enemy's position, and after about an hour succeeded in putting three of the enemy's four guns out of action. A long target on the right, representing a body of infantry coming through the dikes, was fired at by the Volunteers, and the result was high, but from the damage done by two succeeding shots, one of which struck the target on the right side and the other on the left they were judged to have been sufficient to dispose of this portion of the invading force. This high result was due to the fact that the Volunteers proceeded to take their guns to the second position, with the object of disposing of the remaining gun of the enemy's battery and driving a escort on the right back through the dikes. The guns were taken down through the wood to the road, where they were limbered again and taken to the second position. On the way, some much-needed refreshment was provided for the men by the indefatigable Quartermaster Mehta. Keeping as much as possible under cover the Volunteers brought their guns into position on the wooded knoll, with a degree of creditable alike to officers and men. From the business-like way in which they went about their work and the excellent judgment shown by the sergeants, in command of the guns it would have been evident to anyone that the Volunteers were not new to the business of fighting, and indeed they had acquired an amount of practical skill and a degree of confidence in the handling of their guns which would tell with very considerable force in the case of their services being actually required. The strictest attention was paid to the effect of the first few shots in order to get the guns to bear most effectively on the enemy, and before many minutes had elapsed a steady and deadly fire was poured into the enemy's position, hardly a shot of which failed to do damage. The enemy's remaining gun was quickly silenced, and the targets on the right were well riddled by shell. On a small body of the enemy

who were supposed to have appeared suddenly within a short distance of the Volunteers' general rounds of case shot were fired, but however with such deadly effect as might have been expected, owing probably to the range being too great for this kind of shot. The targets representing this portion of the invading force however were fairly well riddled ultimately. On inspecting the targets representing the enemy it was found that the damage which must have been wrought by the Volunteers was even greater than was expected, the whole of the ground being well swept. The Volunteers having accomplished the object of pulverising the supposed enemy to the extent afterwards made a spirited and well-sustained attack on an excellent target paraded by Mr. Dorabjee at the Kowloon Hotel.

Major Tripp, at the close of this pleasant engagement, took the opportunity to address a few words to the corps. He said: 'I am very glad to see you all here, and I have a very pleasant duty to perform in addressing you. I think all present here will acknowledge that we have had a very pleasant outing. It has been a very interesting work, and we have got through, although it has been hard work, and I think those who have not come will be sorry that they have missed the chance. No doubt there is a great deal of business going on in the city to-day, and we had our mail coming in and another going out, and that may have prevented some members from coming. Still, I think there is a very good reason for our being here. We have heard all sorts of excuses given from gentlemen belonging to the Volunteers for non-attendance at drills and outings. I heard of a case only the other evening of a Volunteer being asked whether he was going to attend a drill, and he said, 'No, I am too busy to-day.' I think, if a man can get away from business to attend a rehearsal, he could, if he wanted, get away to attend a drill, and though business may have kept some away to-day, as I said before, if they had the will they would have come, and the way, I was rather disappointed when I called a commanding officer's parade the other evening to find so few attend, and I had hoped that to-day we should have turned out six guns. With regard to your work to-day, I must say that I have been very much pleased with the way you have done. You were like men, and the Adjutant told me that the shooting has been remarkably good. I only hope that you will always show yourselves as competent as you have done to-day. (Hear, hear.) Of course we have made mistakes, but it is only by taking mistakes that we can learn. I am sure you can find out what they are and correct them, and learn to know your proper duties as officers and men. Gentlemen, I have now performed the pleasant part of my task, that of thanking you; I have now to refer to a matter which is somewhat unpleasant, and that is with reference to a letter which appeared in a local paper, about a week ago, purporting to be written by one of the Volunteers. (A voice: 'I don't believe any Volunteer wrote it.' Hear, hear, and applause.) Of course, gentlemen, I don't suppose for one instant that the man who wrote that letter is here, but I am sure that the kind of man who would come in the first place he says he heard of an officer and then he has the cheek to say that he had heard his officers. I think it is a most blackguardly letter I ever read (Applause). As it happened, during that particular week, I did not see any of the Volunteers, and I particularly wanted to see the sergeants and gunners to learn for themselves the work for to-day. It was for that reason that I did not ask any officer to attend. I think you will find if you take the run of our officers that they work very hard for the Corps, and I am sure you can assure you that the officers have an amount of work and responsibility that you are not aware of. We have every day to make arrangements for a drill, and we have to go on all of which takes up a great amount of time, and I think you will find that the officers are very busy and very regular. Well, gentlemen, I do not think I have anything further to say now except to wish the Corps success and prosperity during the coming year. (Loud cheers.)

Sergeant Dipple—Gentlemen, as a senior non-commissioned officer, it is my pleasant duty to propose to you a letter which I think I would couple the name of Captain McCollum. I am sure you will agree with me that they are all capable and competent men, and that they do their utmost for the Corps. I therefore ask you, gentlemen, to charge your glasses and to drink to the health of the Commissioned Officers. The toast was honoured with the greatest enthusiasm, and the singing of 'For they are jolly good fellows.' Captain McCollum, in responding, said: 'Gentlemen, on behalf of myself and brother officers, I have to thank Sergeant Dipple for the kind manner in which he has proposed our health, and for the cordial manner in which you received them. I am sure that if we all pull together as we have done in the work of to-day we shall get on very well. As Major Tripp has said you, you must not think if you do not see our officers on parade at times that they are not doing their duty. 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